THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): ta) No, Sir. There is already a common age of retirement for most categories of employees of Central Government, Public Sector and Nationalised Financial Institutions.

(b) to (d) Demands for enhancement of age of retirement have come up before the Government from time to time. After taking into con. sieration all factories, it is not considered appropriate to enhance the age of retirement;

IAS Officer training' in Western Universities

2423. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) winner Government have de cided to stop training of IAS Officers in Western Universities and Institutions from the next year;

Ob) if so, whether the main reason for taking this decision 13 that the course contents *ot* these Institutes were not related to the ground realities in India;

(c) what is the total number of officers who got such training during the last three years; and

(d) what was the expenditure in volved in such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)	Long-term	Short-term
1991	62	44
1992	61	40
1993	67	42

(d) All the training related expenses including air traveel to and from are borne by the Funding Agencies as the British Council, UNDP, Ford Foundation etc.

Transfer of officers of CSS Cadre

2424. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas, ed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision, tor transfer of Officers be longing to the cadre of Central Secretariat Service from one Ministry to others on completion of three years tenure in a Ministry in the rank of Deputy Secretary has been withheld due to various irregular considerations;

(b) whether delay in their transfers has been reflecting to certain kinds of interest in particular Ministry to the detriment of Government sdministration;

(c) the details of officers of the cadre in such post who have since completed three years or four years tenure in a Ministry who are presently posted in the departments of Mines, Human Resource Development and in the Department of Heavy Industry: anti

(d) whether Government would now cause the transfer irrespective of their alleged efficiency so as to improve functioning and also to disallow any kind of vested interest in decision making etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The Central Secretariat Service Officers appointed as D«3puty Secretaries in a Ministry/ Department normally continue in the same Ministry/Department till they get promotion as Directors. Under the existing policy lateral shift of officers is not allowed. There is no proposal to change this policy.